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OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS IN DRDO SYSTEMS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) budget spent on fundamental research during the last three years;

(b) whether any complaints have been received/reported regarding the operational problems in the systems delivered by DRDO;

(c) if so, the nature thereof and the corrective measures taken;

(d) whether the defence expenditure on imports has come down as a result of DRDO's projects; and

(e) if so, the quantum thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has spent about 8-10% of its Annual Budget on fundamental research during the last three years.

(b) & (c) : DRDO is the development agency whose products, after being made by the production agency, are delivered to the users. Stringent quality systems are in place at several stages before a product is put to use.Based on the operational feedback, matters at times get referred to the development agency.Corrective actions, wherever necessary, have been taken up by the DRDO.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The cumulative value of DRDO developed products amounts to about Rs.30,000 crore.This amount can thus be attributed to the reduction in defence expenditure on import.